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Weeghman Buys Cubs from Charles P. Taft

Former Head of Chicago Feds Pays \$500,000 for 90 Per Cent of Stock.

DEAL PART OF PEACE TREATY CONDITIONS

National Commission Reelects Herrmann as Chairman and Bruce as Secretary.

Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—The Chicago Cubs changed hands here today. Charles Weeghman, former president of the Chicago Federal League club, agreed, among other things, to pay \$500,000 in cash to Charles P. Taft, of this city, for 90 per cent of the stock of the club.

The actual sale, exchange of money and transfer of property will take place on January 20.

Shortly after the Cubs had been sold the National Commission went into session, and reelected August Herrmann as its chairman and John E. Bruce as its secretary.

The negotiations for the Cubs, which came to an end today, were started some weeks ago, and at a time when it was believed that baseball peace was possible. The original conference was between Harry F. Sinclair, of Oklahoma, and Mr. Taft, and it was not until Mr. Weeghman arrived here today that he was identified with the negotiations. Mr. Sinclair having made all of the preliminary arrangements.

None of the details of the sale of the club was given out other than the amount of stock sold, the price and the fact that Mr. Weeghman had agreed to assume all the obligations accruing from the West Side Baseball Park in Chicago for a period of two years with the understanding that Mr. Taft and his associates would make every effort possible to dispose of the lease on these grounds.

The full committee appointed at the recent peace meeting here to take up the International-Federal dispute held a meeting here tonight, directly following the adjournment of the National Commission meeting.

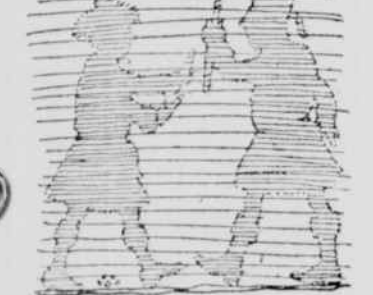
Shortly before this conference President Edward Barrow of the International League, who was suddenly stricken with appendicitis today, said: "I will leave for the East tonight, and I am confident that the committee meeting will be a short one, no short, in fact, that I will be able to attend the entire session."

The committee, however, after a short session adjourned to meet in New York in about two weeks. The waiver question was discussed, but no action was taken. The date for the next meeting will be announced later by the National Commission.

The majority of the visiting baseball owners left the city tonight, while those who remained will leave on early trains to-morrow morning.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Harry Ackland, who holds 10 per cent of the stock of the Chicago National League club, arrived here today from a trip to Honolulu, and left tonight for Cincinnati.

He said the transfer of the controlling interest of the club to Charles Weeghman was satisfactory to him and that he would continue his holdings if the new owners wished; if not, he was willing to dispose of his interest to them.



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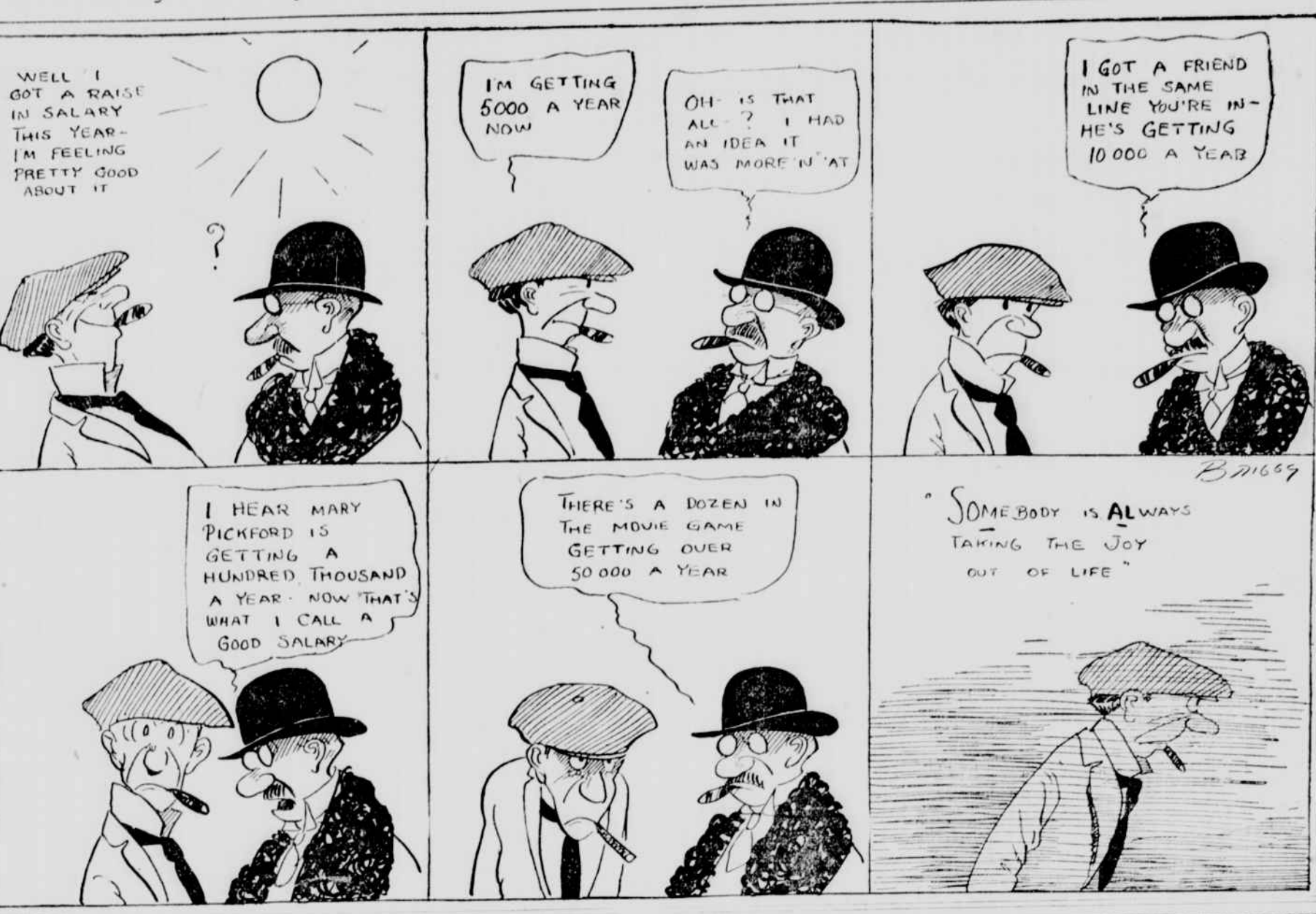
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Murphy Wishes Weeghman Success

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Charles W. Murphy, former head of the Chicago club of the National League, and reputed to be still interested as a stockholder, said tonight: "I assume the press dispatches concerning the sale of the majority of the Cubs stock to Charles Weeghman are correct. I have no direct advice. I am glad the deal has been closed, on Weeghman's account. He is a fine fellow, and I have no doubt will make a great success of the club. I certainly wish him all possible success in baseball."

COLUMBIA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ARRANGED

List of Games Will Probably Be Announced To-day.

Columbia's football schedule for 1916 is to be announced to-day if final approval is forthcoming from the faculty committee. The completion of the list of games for next fall has been delayed because of the difficulty in obtaining a team to fill the Thanksgiving Day niche which was occupied by Wesleyan last fall.

The refusal of New York University to play on Thanksgiving Day brought about the first change. Negotiations were then entered into with Brown University, but Columbia's unwillingness to play out-of-town games for the next year or two prevented the scheduling of a game with the Providence eleven. Just what team has been selected for the Blue and White's opponent on the holiday has not even been hinted by the football authorities.

It is known that Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, New York University, Stevens, St. Lawrence, and possibly Hamilton, will be on the list, which will include eight games, all to be played on "south field."

OUTSIDERS TO BUY THE CLEVELAND CLUB

Home Syndicate Refuses to Pay Price Set on Franchise.

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—The Cleveland American League baseball club will not be sold to Cleveland capitalists, but will go to outside buyers. This announcement was made today by George F. Beckel, representing the bankers committed to the sale of the franchise, and which has insisted that the club be sold.

An effort by members of the Cleveland Athletic Club to form a syndicate and purchase the club failed because the syndicate refused to pay the price asked by the bankers, which is said to be \$500,000.

Bits of Baseball Chatter Heard on Winter Diamond

By FRANK O'NEILL.

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, is a man of few words. Here he has just been made manager of the Mount City team, and up to date has not claimed a single pennant. All he said when Ball and

Stiefel bought out the Hedges interests was: "I think that the Browns will be a much better ball team now than they were before."

Harry Harper, youthful shortstop of the Washington Senators has organized a bowling team in Hackensack, his home town. Our informant declares that "Harper is the only ball player on the team, the other men being bowlers."

"Take nothing for granted in baseball." This sign, neatly framed, hangs in the National League offices on West 42nd Street. It is directly on the line of vision, while skied, some distance away is a large photograph of A. G. Spalding. There are other art treasures in the room, but none attract as much attention as: "Take nothing for granted in baseball."

Looking back over the season, we find no reason why one should take anything for granted in the great national game. And one game between the Tigers and Athletics stands out. When the seventh inning rolled around the score stood 3 in favor of the Athletics, and this is what happened when the Tigers came to the bat: Cobb singled; so did Veach. So did Crawford, and the bases were filled. Burns cleaned the paths with a triple and Young walked. McKee hit for Lovelorn. He hit to Melvin and was safe on an error by Siebold. Kavanaugh and McKee moved up on a wild pitch and Bush walked, filling the bases. Vach walked, forcing home Kavanaugh. McKee replaced Bush in the box. Cobb hit safely again, Veach was safe on an error, Crawford made the first out on a foul, Young popped out and a double steal. McKee hit for Lovelorn. Ten runs, six hits and four errors in that frame, and a final score of 14 to 9 for the game.

Red Jack Corbitt may not linger long in the minor leagues. Charley Herzog wants him to play second base for the Reds.

Carl Zamboni, one of the game's leading leaguists, has finally landed on the Pacific Coast. When he registers at a hotel here, "Carl Zamboni, St. Louis, Detroit, Montgomery, Boston and Sacramento." He used to be a pitcher, but now will try for a berth as a first baseman. He can hit the leather hard.

Bill Abstein, who was released by the Los Angeles Angels last season, will probably break into the game again, covering first base for the Wichita team.

The Indianapolis team of the American Association will probably move over to the home of the old Federal League team. The Fed's grounds are more desirable than the old A. A. team grounds.

FIELDER JONES TAKES CHARGE OF BROWNS

Hedges Will Pay Syndicate \$6,000 Received for Agnew.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—Fielder Jones, who managed the St. Louis Cardinals last season, took charge of the St. Louis American League team to-day. He also became second vice-president of the club.

It developed that in the final agreement for the transfer of the Browns to the new owners—Phil Ball, Otto Stiefel and associates—it was provided that Robert L. Hedges, retiring president of the club, should pay the syndicate that handled the deal \$6,000, which he received from the Boston Red Sox, for Agnew, catcher, who was sold to Boston before the peace agreement was signed, but after the syndicate headed by Walter Orthwein and Cal McDiarmid had obtained an option on the club. The syndicate, however, took over all debts of the club, including the \$5,000 judgment in favor of John O'Connor, former manager of the club, which was affirmed by the St. Louis Court of Appeals yesterday.

STARS TO RUN FOR SAVE-A-HOME FUND

Before entries close on January 15, it is expected that almost every champion in the metropolitan district, Philadelphia and Boston will enter for the Save-a-Home Fund games. The meet will be held at the 71st Regiment Armory, Thirty-fourth Street and Park Avenue, on Thursday evening, January 20.

Signed entry blanks have been received from Dave Caldwell, the 1914 intercollegiate half-mile champion, and American indoor 1,000-yard champion; Tom Halpin, American indoor 600-yard champion; Joe Higgins, New England half-mile champion, and Billy Meaux, quarter-mile champion of American indoor 1,000-yard champion. Caldwell, Halpin and Higgins are entered for the 1,000-yard special, and Meaux will match strides over the "ladies with Eller, Burch, Engels and other good hurdlers. Ted Merced, the world's 800-meter champion; Willie Gordon, metropolitan one-mile champion, and "Syd" Leslie, who finished 4 to 5 Higgins in the McAllester 1,000-yard race at the Irish-American Athletic Club at the beginning of the indoor season, have not as yet sent in their signed blanks for the special thousand, but the committee has received assurances that these three middle distance runners will compete in this race.

All of these men have been training in preparation for their indoor campaign and are fast rounding into championship form and it is more than likely that the indoor record for 1,000 yards will be bettered in this race.

Four Open Events for 71st Regiment Games

Four open events will be the feature of the annual games of the 71st Regiment Athletic Association, which are to be held in its armory, Thirty-fourth Street and Park Avenue, on February 3. The contests, open to registered athletes, are a 70-yard dash, 1,000-yard run and a one-mile relay team (all hand-picked) and a two-mile bicycle race from scratch.

The regiment boasts of one of the strongest track teams in the Military Athletic League, and all of the members will compete in the closed races. Some of the most prominent athletes who will start are Charles Clarke, the veteran sprinter, who is entering his thirteenth year on the cinder track; Dan Kuhn, junior trotter; 440-yard champion; Charles Hoyt, winner of the 70-yard dash for the last three years; Harry Gissing, Homer Baker, Myles McHugh, William H. Van den Driest, Alfred E. Lake, Nick Giansoppe, William Anderson, Fred Scharnow, Ed Sweeney, Matty Geis, Jack Flaherty, J. E. Ball and William Gough.

Plans for Outdoor Skating Title Meet

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Races to decide the 1916 outdoor ice skating championships of the International Skating Union will be held here, starting on January 25, it was announced to-day. The meet will continue for three days. It will be conducted under the direction of the Western Skating Association.

Entries are expected from Montreal, Toronto, Saranac Lake, Cleveland, New York, Des Moines, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago.

The events for amateurs will be 220, 440, one-half, three-quarters, one mile and two mile races. For professionals, 220, 440, one-half and mile.

'GRADUATE' RULE LESS RIGOROUS

Columbia Officially Confirms Report of Modification of Eligibility Code.

Official confirmation was obtained at Columbia University yesterday of the report published last week that the new eligibility regulation adopted by the university committee on athletics last spring, barring graduates of other colleges from Columbia teams, would not affect such athletes as were registered at Columbia last year. For all students holding degrees from colleges other than Columbia who registered in September of this year, however, the rule is effective, and they will not be permitted to play on Morningside Heights.

The modification of the "graduates" rule has been urged strongly by the baseball and basketball managements since the opening of the university in September. The regulation dealt the baseball team a heavy blow, in that Jack Laird, the old Princeton fielder, Merstein, a Dartmouth shortstop, and some of the first class baseball players, were put under the ban. In basketball, too, the rule eliminated Laird, while in swimming Levinson, a former C. N. Y. water polo player, was barred.

Although the committee on athletics modified its stand in that the rule was to be non-retroactive, it took occasion to reaffirm its original position. The rule was adopted after a bitter controversy in the committee and only after it had been shown conclusively that Princeton, Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth were holding places on the Columbia teams—at the undergraduate level—should rightfully go to Columbia students.

There also was criticism on the campus of some of the other institutions to win its games, because it was made to appear that true blue Columbia men were not capable of ousting players of greater experience who came from other colleges.

Two More Boys Win Fame In Lawn Tennis World

Binzen and Weber Appear to Be Destined to Occupy High Places Among Racquet Wielders.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

In our annual review of the lawn tennis season of 1915, and also in an article on the outlook for 1916, we mentioned the names of several young players among the juniors who seemed destined for high places on the courts, but lent out two who have achieved prominence since the articles in question were written.

Elliott Binzen, of Fordham University, and James Weber, of Chicago, both students at Andover Academy, respectively, winner and runner-up in the first annual national junior indoor tennis tournament, sprang into fame by getting through a strong field in the tournament held in the 7th Regiment Armory last week, and meeting in the final round.

Both these seventeen-year-old boys played good lawn tennis, but the most encouraging feature of their game lies in the fact that "head work" was one of the dominant characteristics. Usually the schoolboys are strong on speed and lacking in court generalship, but Binzen and Weber showed cleverness in forcing and taking advantage of their openings, played with caution when caution was demanded, and in the flooded courts sufficiently to permit of the members skating. Those who distinguished themselves on the courts last season seemed almost equally at home on the steel blades, and more than one "first ten" man accomplished the intricate figures of the Continental School with consummate ease and grace. Why not have a skating lawn tennis tournament this winter?

The steady growth in membership of the Forest Hills Club is indicated by the fact that a movement is well under way to increase both the initiation fee and the yearly dues this year. The annual meeting at Delmonico's this month will probably see the matter put to a vote and ratified.

Besides acquiring the reputation of being the "Wimbledon of America," the West Side Tennis Club also bids fair to add the names of several of the most prominent lawn tennis players of the country to its roster. The fact that R. Lindley Murray, of California, one of the most sensational players who ever came out of the West, would probably join the club in the spring has already been announced in these columns, and now it seems as if two more new players will soon represent the Forest Hills organization. N. W. Niles and Alfred S. Danby, of Boston, former holders of the Eastern doubles championship and winners of numerous big tournaments in the past, have both decided to make their homes in New York hereafter, which is assurance enough that they will do all their playing for the club on Long Island.

DREW TO IN AT MILLROSE GAMES

Negro Sprinter to Make Special Trip East for Contest.

Howard Drew will come East to compete in the 70-yard special dash at the annual games of the Millrose Athletic Association in Madison Square Garden on January 26. In a letter from Los Angeles the negro sprinter writes that he is at his best and "will be delighted to meet Loomis," who will be one of the other five starters. This will be the first race for Drew since he injured a leg while competing in the national championships at San Francisco last August. Drew will arrive in this city three or four days before the meet and complete his training on one of the army farms.

Sydney Leslie, who won permanent possession of the Wamaker trophy for the one and a half mile special at last year's games for the Long Island Athletic Club, will make an effort to win his first leg on the new prize. He will be opposed by Mike Devaney, who is at present running in his best form, and Willie Gordon, the senior metropolitan one-mile champion. Leslie has an old score to settle with Devaney, as the spectators at the senior national indoor championships last year will remember, when Devaney was the winner by a few yards.

St. Denis Beats Worthley in Golf Pool Tourney

Walter St. Denis defeated Monte Worthley yesterday at Doyle's Academy in the second round of the newspaper men's golf pool tourney. How well the handicapping committee did its work in this instance is shown by the fact that when the eighteenth hole was played both players were required to decide the tie. St. Denis proving the winner by a score of 30 to 32.

To-day's schedule calls for Damon Runyon and Ted Kerr, Petrie and Joe Runyon and Ted Kerr, and Walter H. Banner, Larry Senon and Walter H. Banner, Arthur Robinson and Al Hedley.

To-morrow night practically will make or break Frank Moran or Jim Coffey, so far as a meeting with Jess Willard is concerned, for Jim meets Frank at Madison Square Garden, and the winner will be directly in line for a title bout with the big cowboy. George Engle has been coaching Coffey for this particular fight. He has impressed upon Coffey that he must take his time in this coming battle. Jim's friends think that he burned himself out with that early rush of his in his last fight with the big blond.

He went at Moran hammer and tongs, and when he was belted hard in the middle and the jaw he had nothing left.

Coffey fought faster than he ever did in his life before, while Moran coolly took his time to give and receive. When the opening that finally came, Coffey showed that Engle's coaching had made a great improvement in his ring work the night he fought Gunboat Smith. He was cool, sure and determined, and above all, he took his time and had sense enough to take advantage of the first bad break the Gunner made. The result was that Buckley's big gun was spiked in the fourth round.

Jimmy Johnston will give Willie Ritchie another chance to stow Ted Lewis away, providing Willie will not ask for all the money in the world. The Californian likes to get a fast guarantee every time he boxes, and the Hon. Johnston hates the very word "guarantee."

"I think that they'd go to see those two again," says Johnston. "You know a lot of people thought that Willie was coming fast enough to have stopped my man in a round or two more." AHEM, I say, AHEM. I admit that Willie did get going too late to do him any good so far as the verdict went. Jim Corbett and I were talking about his finish only yesterday. Jim told me that Willie should have gone into the ring warmed up, as Bob Fitzsimmons used to be when he entered the ring. Willie is naturally a long distance man, and he could improve his speed a lot in a ten-round bout if he would only warm up a bit by boxing a few rounds with his sparring mates. Johnston will see Ritchie to-day, and if he does not ask for too large a guarantee the bout will take place the last part of this month.

Jim Corbett had a narrow escape from death the other day while on his way home to Rayside. Jim was driving his own car and his wife sat beside him. A large truck ducked suddenly out of a side street, and in order to prevent a

Personal Touches Here and There in Boxing

By IGEOE.

Boxing Bouts of the Week

TO-NIGHT.
Pioneer Sporting Club—K. O. Brown and Baby Lewis, Al McCloskey and Frank Schenck.
FRIDAY.
Madison Square Garden—Frank Moran and Jim Coffey.
Hartley Sporting Club—Innovation trials; ten ten-round best of three bouts to decide the champion of the district.
Vanderbilt A. C.—Zulu Kid and Soldier Kelly, Johnny Murray and Nick Nelson.
East New York A. C.—Terry Martin and Jimmy Murray.

SATURDAY.
Clement Athletic Club, Brooklyn—George Gil and Silent Martin, Young Driscoll and Willie Lane.
Brooklyn Sporting Club—Terry Martin and Patry Brennan, K. O. Joe Daly and Kid Sullivan, Kinky Brown and Jimmy Dunn, Eddie Carr and Billy West.
Fairmont A. C.—Frankie Daly and Young Martin.

collision Corbett ran his car up on the sidewalk, tore through a long pocket fence and brought up against a frame house. One of the big front lights on his car was driven into the side of the house. Mrs. Corbett was thrown violently against the windshield, breaking her arm and cutting a deep wound in her head.

"It was a panicky moment, I can tell you," said Corbett yesterday. "If you've never tried to beat a monster truck to the punch you know little of the last word in sensation. It didn't take little Jimmie to figure that the fence and the side of the house was much softer going than the side of that big machine. I've been trying to make my wife believe that I am hurt, too. When I go home tonight I feel all my ribs and insist that I'm badly broken up as she is. That is the only way that I can console her."

Those who have seen Lew Bodie, the latest addition to the local pack of heavyweights, going about his work at Billy Grupp's gymnasium, predict that he will make it highly interesting for the big boxers when he gets started. Bodie will get his first chance to show his wares at the Fairmont Club in a week or so. Bodie comes from Montana with a good record, and if he can live up to it against the men here he will be a welcome addition.

Tow Cowler will have an opportunity to erase the black mark placed on his record by Battling Levinsky when he meets Morgan's perpetual motion machine at Boston on the night of January 11. Cowler met the little man a few weeks ago at the Olympic Club and got a bit of the worst of the argument, although at one stage of the fight he had leveled a groggy from a right hand crack straight to the chin. Cowler is still waiting upon Mr. Dillon, Jack promised to come back and have it out with Corbett's friend.

"I think I have done pretty well around here trying to establish myself as a real contender for Willard's title. I took on Gunboat Smith after they told me that he would surely knock me out. He didn't, did he? I would have put him away had it not been blinded by a bad cut over the eye. I've gone ahead a bit since that night, and would like to know why all the big fellows are ducking a meeting with me. I have failed Dillon every time. In town, but when it comes time to getting some one to box me the bottom falls out of things. None of them will spar with me. I'm ready to fight any man in the world, and wouldn't like anything better than to meet the winner of the Coffey-Moran bout."

Little Kayo Brown will make another bow to-night before the audience that knows him best. Brown boxes Banty Lewis at the Pioneer Sporting Club, and Scotty Monthie declares that there is a greater interest in the match over in New Jersey than there was in the Savage-Weinert fight. Lewis comes from Newark, and Brown is the leading property owner of Arlington. Hence a very, very keen rivalry, says Scotty.

There is a pretty well defined rumor that Harry F. Sinclair is the man behind the dough bags in the purchase of the Cubs. Charles Weeghman was a man of some wealth, but few men there are whose means are sufficient to allow them to lose any such sum as \$500,000. It is significant that Sinclair made all the preliminary arrangements with Taft, and Weeghman did not attend the conference until yesterday.

The Pacific Coast League is not so much interested in the terms of the Taft-Sinclair deal as it is in the fact that the man who jumped contracts with that organization were not ordered to return. Not a few of the stars of the Western circuit were secured from the Western slope of the Sierras, and the champions insist that they should be returned to their old clubs. If they are not, the Coast League intends to appeal to the National Commission for some sort of reimbursement.

Linking arms with the Pacific Coast League is the American Association. The owners of clubs in this circuit cannot see why the contract jumpers should not be returned. For example, the team fielded by the Chicago White Sox, and would like to get him back. There is little chance of their wish being gratified for Flack was easily one of the best outfielders in the Federal League, and he would be a valuable asset to the White Sox. The Yankees and Giants would have something to say about his going back to a minor league.

El Guinier, owner of the Pittsburgh Rebels, and who has been named at stated intervals as a possible purchaser of the Cleveland Indians, is eager about for a means of disposing of his club. He has the big first baseman, Baron Kuetzer and a few others who would look mighty good in major league uniforms. Guinier has had several bids for the team, but they are all about as good as nothing. He has consulted the players as to where he would rather play.

CONFLICTS AVOIDED IN FOOTBALL GAMES
Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—To avoid a conflict with the Yale-Princeton football game, the Yale-Princeton football game will be played in this city on November 11, while the game between the Yale and Princeton football teams will be played at Ann Arbor on November 18. This transfer of dates was approved yesterday at a meeting of the board of directors of the University of Pennsylvania's athletic association, at which the football schedule was ratified.

Ask Bids for Amateur Wrestling Tourney
The Metropolitan Association committees recently appointed have started to work arranging for championships and other activities for the coming year. Jacob W. Stumpff, chairman of the wrestling committee, yesterday issued a request for bids from Metropolitan Association clubs for the wrestling championships, which in all probability will be held early in February to test the bids. At which time Mr. Stumpff's committee will hold a meeting and open the bids.

The following clubs are expected to bid for the wrestling game: holding these championships: Boys' Club, Bronx Chapter, New York A. C., National Athletic Union, New York City A. C., Club, Hungarian Athletic Club, and the Greek-American A. C.

Company Buys Lincoln Club
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—The Lincoln Club of the Western Baseball League was sold to-day by Hugh L. Jones Jr. to a stock company for \$125,000. The principal stockholders are George E. Stone, of Colorado, Neb., a former major league player.

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